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(a) providing a layer of ceramic filter units, at least some of the ceramic filter units having a plurality of openings extending therethrough, and at least some of the openings having a shape selected from the group consisting of ellipses and trisoids, at least some of the ceramic filter units having a plurality of flow passageways defined by the plurality of openings extending through the ceramic filter units;

(b) contacting an organic-based feed stream with the layer of ceramic filter units; and